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APPLICANTS : Taupier, *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/813,432
FILING DATE : March 20, 2001
FOR : NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

EXAMINER : Li, R.
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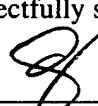
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office action mailed June 19, 2003 in the above-identified application.

With the extension, the response is due on or before Monday, October 20, 2003. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. A Request for Filing a Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and required papers are filed on this date.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-729. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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